

*TW*

**Certificate of Mailing**  
I hereby certify that on July 11, 2005, this correspondence and any attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage pre-paid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*Jennifer D. Gaines*  
Jennifer Gaines

**PATENT**  
Atty. Docket No. 37942-1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

DAVID BECKHARDT

Serial No.: 10/706,214

Filed: NOVEMBER 12, 2003

For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR  
EXTRACTION, TRANSPORTATION  
AND/OR RELEASE OF MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Daniel P. Stephenson

Conf. No.: 6322

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application and the following:

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ Additional fees are required as calculated and shown below:


	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Small Entity Rate	Small Entity Fee	Large Entity Rate	Large Entity Fee
Total	25 minus	47		x \$25.00		x \$50.00	
Independent	6 minus	4		x \$100.00		x \$200.00	
1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				x \$180.00		x \$360.00	
				<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>TOTAL:</b>	

- ☐ A Petition for [ ] One; [ ] Two; [ ] Three Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee is being filed concurrently herewith.
- ☒ Other attachments: Duplicate copy of previously submitted Forms PTO/SB08A and PTO/SB08B; copy of postcard dated January 12, 2004 by OIPE indicating 29 cited references received; replacement copies of two IDS references; article titled "The History of Oil Exploration in Iowa"; and pages from "Utah Oil and Gas" website.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3735. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Dated: July 11, 2005

Respectfully submitted,  
MITCHELL, SILBERBERG & KNUPP LLP

MITCHELL, SILBERBERG & KNUPP LLP  
 11377 West Olympic Boulevard  
 Los Angeles, California 90064  
 Telephone: (310) 312-2000  
 Facsimile: (310) 312-3100

By   
 Joseph G. Swan  
 Registration No. 41,338



**Certificate of Mailing**

I hereby certify that on July 11, 2005, this correspondence and any attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage pre-paid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*Jennifer D. Gaines*  
Jennifer Gaines

**PATENT**  
Atty. Docket No. 37942-1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

DAVID BECKHARDT

Serial No.: 10/706,214

Filed: NOVEMBER 12, 2003

For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR  
EXTRACTION, TRANSPORTATION  
AND/OR RELEASE OF MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Daniel P. Stephenson

Conf. No.: 6322

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following remarks respond to the Office Action dated April 13, 2005.